Marie Rose Ely

On Thursday, 18 January 1816, I, the parish priest of Immaculate Conception Church of Mobile, while on a visit to Pascagoula in the home of Madame Joseph Krebs, baptized and put the Holy Oils to a girl born on 2 January 1812, the legitimate daughter of Antoine Ely and Madeline Combest, natives of this parish. Paternal grandparents are Charles Ely and Marie Francoise Isbac; maternal, Simon Combest and Marie Eva. In the Holy Ceremonies the child was given the name of Marie Rose. Godparents were Jean Baptiste Dupont and Marianne Dupont, who were advised as regards the spiritual parentage contracted. I sign it.

Rev. Vincent Gener

June 17, 1992

Dear Tom,

Here are the translations as requested. It was my pleasure to do these for you.

I am including a baptism of an Elizabeth Cumbest which gives 3 generations of the 3 early generations of Cumbests, counting Elizabeth. You will also notice that Elizabeth's mother was German. On the baptisms of Marie Rose Ely and Marie Catherine Ely, her name is Marie Eva, her maiden name deleted (Kof).

Antoine Ely's wife's maiden name seems, on both baptisms, to be Asbac – a German name, I think.

Best wishes.

Brother Jerome Lefre

Make sure I get a copy of the 2nd Vol. of Cathedral records. That's payment enough.

Jean Antoine Ellis
Catherine Dupont

On 15 September 1798, I, Father Constantine McKenna, pastor of the church of the Immaculate Conception of Mobile, after having published the 3 banns on 3 consecutive feast-days, according to the Council of Trent, married by the words of the contracting, to make it a real and true marriage between Jean Antoine Ellis and Catherine Dupont, residents of Pascagoula. They have received the nuptial blessing in presence of the undersigned witnesses. In faith whereof I sign it.

Joseph Laprate
Francisco + Colon
Catherine + Dupont

Rev. Constantino McKenna

Ely file

THE MONTEITH FAMILY of JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

by: Don Middleton

(NOTE: This is an incomplete history on the Monteith/Montieth/Monteeth/Monteath/Montee family of Jackson County, Mississippi.It also covers some of the Ely, Crawford, and Morgan family)

I.THE EARLY HISTORY OF MARY CATHERINE ELY-

Mary Catherine Ely was born on 11 June 1815 in the Mississippi Territory. Later the area become Jackson County, Mississippi. Mary Catherine Ely was baptized by Father Vincent Genen, Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church of Mobile while he was in Pascagoula on Thursday 18 January 1816. According to church records Mary Catherine was baptized Marie Catherine Ely. She would be called Catherine through out her entire life. The church record gave her parents as Antoine Ely and Magdeleine Cumbest. It named her grandparents as Charles Ely and Marie Francoise Isbac on her father's side and as Simon Combest and Marie Eva Kop on her mother's side. The baptism records for her brother's and sister's gives their parents full names as Jean Antoine Ely and Sarah Magdeleine Cumbest. It gives the grandparents full names as (Carlos) Charles Pierre (Peter) Ely and Marie Francoise (Isbac) Wissembach and as Simeon Cumbest and Eve Marie (Mary) Kop. The Godparents of Mary Catherine Ely were Bazile Krebs (Godfather) and Marianne DuPont (Godmother). This record is found in the Mobile Parish Catholic Church Records in Mobile, Alabama.

Mary Catherine Ely's parents Antoine and Sarah Cumbest Ely had the following (4) four children:

1.Mary Rose Ely --------born 22 FEB 1813 married twice:
1.Benjamin Nicholas Coleman
2.Charles Nelson
Mary Rose died 7 March 1894 Coleman Cemetery.

2.Mary Catherine Ely----born 11 June 1815 married twice:
1.Charles White on 14 FEB 1833
2.Morton W.N. Monteith

3.Margaret Ely----------born 02 OCT 1817 married to Harris Hamilton on 23 July 1836.
died 14 Sept.1902/ Rosedale Cemetery.

4.Charles Ely----------born 24 NOV 1819 married to Margaret Goff ? or Davis ?
died 30 NOV 1904/Rosedale Cemetery.

Antoine Ely died around 1820. His widow Sarah Cumbest Ely married as her second husband Ellis Fairbanks. Sarah and her 2nd husband had one child:

5.Ellis Fairbanks Jr.--15 DEC 1822 married to Mary Ann Carter on 6 FEB 1851.
died 23 JAN 1900/ buried in the Fairbanks-Fairley Cemetery.

Mary Catherine Ely grew up and married her first husband Charles White in Mobile County, Alabama on 14 February 1833. On the marriage certificate her last name is spelled Eley. The marriage appears on page 1131 of book 2 in Mobile County, Alabama Probate Records.

Catherine and Charles White's marriage is an unsolved mystery to this day. In the book "Simon Cumbest and Allied Families" by Melba Goff Allen (1989) the writer states that Catherine and Charles may have been the parents of (8) eight children. No records of these children have ever been found to date. The writer states that (4) four of these children died in New Orleans from yellow fever, another named Cecilia was killed in a fire in California , and the rest went off with thei father and disappeared from all records. I wrote to Mrs. Allen several times and ask about this data. I never got a reply. It is believed that Charles and Cathrine did not have any children. I've searched for them to no avail.

Catherine Ely White was still going by the last name of White in 1839. In that year her name appears on the following record. In 1839 a legal document titled the : Settlement of the Estate of Antonie Ely. He was Catherine's father. This document names the following people: Mary Rose Coleman; Harris Hamilton; Sarah Fairbanks; and Catherine White. These two documents also give descriptions of land that was owned by Antoine Ely. The two documents are dated 12 August 1839 and 14 August 1839 in Jackson County, Mississippi.

As stated above the first husband of Catherine Ely White disappears from local records. It is not known if Charles White died , divorced, or just left Catherine.

II. THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MONTEITH FAMILY IN JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI-

The first record to show the name MONTEITH in Jackson County, Mississippi is the Records for the Ebenezer Clark Shipyard that was located in Pascogoula, Mississippi. The Library at Pascagoula has the Logbook for the Shipyard. It covers the years 1838-1856. Within the log-book are the following entry:Teacher of Ebenezer Clark's children.

1844------ M. Monteath School Master
DEC 30/1844- Cash in Mobile.....$1.50
MAR 09/1845- Cash in Mobile.....$2.00
MAR 25/1845- Cash in Mobile.....$5.00 gold for Willm.
MAY 05/1845- Cash in home in full.....$8.37

$16.87½

June 01 To cash at home $2.00
June 12 To cas. in Mobile $2.00 $4.00
SEPT 22 W. Monteath School
" William , Charles, and Ellen
SCHOOL MASTER
William , Charles, and Ellen cammeneek ?
School on Wed. the 18th of December 1844
5 days before Christmas and than the teacher went in Mobile and returned on Sunday and open school on Monday 20th of January 1845. Closed Friday 02 May 1845 $16.87.

The 2nd record for Monteith comes from the Federal Bureau of Land Management. It states that Morton W.N. Monteath bought two (2) pieces of land. They were:

On 29 December 1846 the NW Quarter of the SW Quarter of Section 26 in Township 3 South in Range 5 West consisting of 40 acres of land for $50.26 in Jackson County, Mississippi.

AND On 29 December 1846 the NW" of the SW" of Section 36 in Township 3 South in Range 5 West consisting of 40 Acres in Jackson County, Mississippi.

The issue date for this document was the 01st day of September 1848.

The record shows that this was a cash sale conducted at Augusta, Mississippi. In 1910 George County, Mississippi was created out of the northern part of Jackson County, Mississippi. This land today is located in George County, Mississippi near the Escatawpa River.

On the 13th day of December 1847 a legal document was written in Jackson County, Mississippi. This document was a Power of Attorney document for the heirs of Antonie Ely. The most important thing this document does is gives us proof of the second marriage of Catherine Ely White. Within the document it names Catherine Monteath as the wife of Morton W.N. Monteath. Besides Catherine and Morton W.N. Monteath, the document also list John C. Ely; Sarah Fairbanks; Mary Rose Nelson; Harris Hamilton; and Margaret Hamilton.

By 1850 Morton W.N. Monteith disappears from all Mississippi records. A search of Census records for the year 1850 shows that Morton W.N. Monteith had gone west.

III. MORTON W.N. MONTEITH IN CALIFORNIA-

As stated above Morton W.N. Monteith had left Mississippi by 1850. A check of U.S. Federal Census records shows the following:

1850 Census for El Dorado County, California Page 351:

M.W.N. MONTEITH age 32 born New Hampshire
living on Mathenea's Creek working as a MINER.

census was conducted on 02 October 1850.

It looks like Morton W.N. Monteith caught gold fever and took off to California for the 1849 Gold Rush. It is not known if he divorced our Catherine or just up and left her. I hired a lady in California to do a little California research for us on Morton W.N. Monteith. She could not locate him on the 1860 census. But did find him on the 1870 census.

1870 Census for Sacramento County, California page

M.W. Monteath age 51 born in Maine
He was a nurseryman.
This census shows him as a patient in the hospital located in the 4th ward in the city of Sacramento. The name of the hospital was the Capital Hospital.

The researcher out in California check several different records but could not find any other records listing Morton W.N. Monteith. She checked the Recorder's Office for marriage and death records and found none. She also checked the 1860, 1900, and 1910 census and did not find him. She also looked in the Sacramento city directories and had no luck. In 1866 there was two nurseries in Sacramento: The Empire and the Sacramento Nursery.One final note she did check all the variations of the spelling.

While Morton W.N. Monteith was out in California,Catherine his wife disappears from all records. From 1847 until 1870 she has not been located. She re-appears in Jackson County, Mississippi in 1870.

IV. CATHERINE ELY WHITE MONTEITH ON HER OWN-

About the time that Morton W.N. Monteith leaves for California, his wife Catherine is giving birth to their daughter. Texanna Monteith was born on 26 July 1849. But another record states that Texanna Monteith was born on 26 July 1851. On later census records she claims to have been born in the state of Texas ?

The second known child of Catherine Ely White Monteith is a son named Nathaniel Mortimor Monteith. He was born in Mississippi on 04 September 1854. So if Morton W.N. Monteith was out in California than who is the father of Nathaniel M. Monteith ? Did Morton W.N. Monteith come back to Mississippi for a visit ? I'll give that data on this later in this story.

On the 09th of September 1862 Catherine Ely Monteith's mother Sarah Cumbest Ely Fairbanks wrote a will in Jackson County, Mississippi. In her last will and testament Sarah Fairbanks gives her daughter Catherine Monteith a negro slave named Rachiel and her baby.

The 1870 U.S. Federal Census gives up the following info:

1870 Census for Jackson County, Mississippi page 435-

Monteith, C. age 55 born in Mississippi
Monteith, T. age 20 born in Texas

Note on the census that Catherine's son Nathaniel M. Monteith was not listed. He would have been 16 years old. Also note that Texanna's place of birth is listed as Texas ? Did Catherine go to Texas? I have checked some Texas records, but have not found Catherine to date.

On the 15th of January 1875 Catherine Monteith according to the Jackson County, Mississippi Track Land Book bought 160 acres of land located at : N½ of the NE ¼ ; the SW ¼ of the NE ¼; and the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 29 in Township 4, Range 5 in Jackson County, Mississippi.

During the year 1876 a scandal took place in Jackson County, Mississippi. Nicholas B. Coleman and his wife Martha Ann Coleman fought it out in court through out the 1870's. Nicholas Coleman was the nephew of Catherine Ely Monteith. He was the son of Catherine's older sister Mary Rose Ely Coleman Nelson. The divorce file is very large. It has several depositions given by members of the Hurley community. These depositions include ones given by Nathaniel Monteith, Nicholas Coleman, Martha Coleman & others. In the papers Nicholas and his first cousin Texanna are accused of having an affair near the old Salem Camp ground. Catherine and Texanna claim to have lived for a period of time in the Springhill area of Mobile County, Alabama. The entire file is located in the Jackson County, Mississippi court house and at the Pascagoula Library. It also states that Texanna was the daughter of W.M. Monteath.

The 1880 U.S. Federal Census gives the following data:

1880 Census for Jackson County, Mississippi- page 586-

Monteith, Catherine age 65 born in Alabama. Father born in Alabama and mother born in Alabama. Catherine is listed as living alone.

The last record to show Catherine Ely White Monteith still alive is on the 17th of September 1881. On that date Catherine Monteith made an application for a Homestead. She filed it under the name Mary Catherine Monteith. It was given #7988. The land was given the following description: North Half of the North East Quarter and the South West Quarter of the North East Quarter and the North West Quarter of the South East Quarter of Section 29 in Township 4 South in Range 5 West in Jackson County, Mississippi. Her witnesses included the following: William H. Hamilton, William D. Crawford, Luke Mizell, and Malcolm L. Hamilton. In her claim Catherine states that she was 65 years old, had one daughter and one son, a native born U.S. citizen, and lived at Americus, Jackson County, Mississippi. She claims to have settled on that land more than 20 years ago. She states that her family lived with her until they married off. Her house was built about four years before. She claims to have about 10 acres of corn, potatoes, sugar cane, peas, and rice.

It appears that Catherine Monteith was dead by the time the 1900 U.S. Federal Census was conducted. She is not found on it. On the 6th day of March 1905 a property deed found in Jackson County, Mississippi states-

"..we, Texanna Coleman and N.M. Monteith, the only children and heirs of Catherine Monteith, deceased,....."

sell to L.W. Howard and M.R. Roberts for $600.00 dollars the following property in Jackson County, Mississippi: S.W.¼ of the N.E.¼ and the N.W. ¼ of the S.E.¼ of Section 29 in Township 4 South in Range 5 West. The deed was filed on the 13th of April 1907.

At this time we do not have a death date or a place of burial for Mary Catherine Ely White Monteith. Someone once told me she was buried on her property ?

V. THE KNOWN CHILDREN OF MARY CATHERINE ELY WHITE MONTEITH-

1. TEXANNA MONTEITH-

Texanna Monteith gives her birthdate as 26 July 1849. Her headstone states that she was born on 26 July 1851. On most census records she listed her state of birth as Texas. Other records show that she was born in Mississippi. They are discrepancies in these statements. She is believed to be the oldest child and only daughter of Morton W.N. Monteith and Mary Catherine Ely White Monteith. The 1850 Census shows that her father Morton Monteith had left Mississippi and moved west to El Dorado County, California.Her death record at the O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula shows her as being born in July 1849.

Called "Aunt Texie" she lived in the Hurley area of Jackson County, Mississippi with her mother Catherine Monteith. The 1870 Census for Jackson County, Mississippi shows Texanna at age 20. In the 1870's Texanna is caught up in the scandalous divorce of her first cousin Nicholas B. Coleman. Their mother's were sisters. The papers claim that Nicholas and Texanna were having an affair. After Nicholas and Martha A. Coleman divorced, Nicholas and Texanna married in Jackson County, Mississippi on 02 September 1877.

On the 6th day of April 1908 a legal document was filed in Jackson County, Mississippi showing that land at the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 29 in Township 4 South in Range 5 West owned by Mrs. N.B. Coleman was sold to T.G. Hibbler for $5.20 by the Tax Collector for delinquent taxes for the year 1907. This is land that had belong to Texanna's mother Catherine Monteith.

On the 07 of September 1914 Nicholas B. Coleman applied for a Confederate pension for his service in the Mississippi 15th Cavalry during the Civil War. He states that he was 83 year old and married. His address is Jackson County, Mississippi. Nicholas B. Coleman died in Jackson County, Mississippi on 02 August 1915. He was buried in the Magnolia Springs Cemetery at Hurley, Mississippi.

Following the death of her husband, Texanna Monteith Coleman made an application for a widows pension from the State of Mississippi in 1915, 1916, and 1924. She states that her husband Nicholas B. Coleman enlisted into the Confederate Army on the 24th of August 1861. Texanna was granted the pension.

On the 25th of August 1917 Case #3642 was filed in Jackson County, Mississippi Chancery Court. Texanna Monteith Coleman was the complaint and Charles E. Coleman was the defendant. The case centered around the following land: the NE¼ of Section 30 in Township 4 South in Range 5 West. Charles Coleman claims that even though Nicholas and Texanna were married, they did not live together in the same house. He stated that Texanna had ceased to live with Nicholas for many years. Charles Coleman was a nephew of Nicholas and stated that he took care of his

uncle in return his uncle left him the aboved named land. So Texanna and Charles battled over this property in Jackson County, Mississippi.

Texanna Monteith Coleman made her last Will and Testament on the 28th day of August 1928 in Jackson County, Mississippi. In her Will she left all of her property to her second cousin and his wife Ellis W. and Mary Etta Hamilton.

Texanna Monteith Coleman died on the 22nd day of May 1935 and was buried in the Magnolia Springs Cemetery in Hurley, Mississippi. She does have a headstone. The record of the funeral home for May 22, 1935 shows the funeral cost $100.00 dollars. Ellis Hamilton paid for the funeral of "Aunt Texie" with some cash and 10 gal.'s of syrup.

On the 29th day of August 1935 Case # 5715 was filed in Jackson County, Mississippi Chancery Court and Probated . It closed out the estate of Texanna Monteith Coleman.

You can find Texanna and Nicholas Coleman on census records for Jackson County, Mississippi for 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 , and 1930. Texanna did list on several of the census records that her father was born in the state of New York. Nicholas B. Coleman and Texanna Monteith Coleman did not have any children.

2. NATHANIEL M. MONTEITH-

The other known child of Mary Catherine Ely White Monteith was a son named Nathaniel M. Monteith. He was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 04 September 1854. While we can document the mother of Nathaniel , we have not been able to document his father to date. The problem with Morton W.N. Monteith is that he was out in California by 1850 and appears to still be out in California in 1870. It could be possible that Morton returned to Mississippi for a short period of time but seems unlikely. In the late 1960's Mr. Elton Tanner was told by a daughter of Nathaniel M. Monteith that the father of Nathaniel was a man named John R. Dickin. We have no proof of this to be true. This John R. Dickin was a colorful figure in the Jackson County and Mobile County community. He was married to Susan Dickin and they had several children. John R. Dickin is said to have dressed like an Indian and is believed to have traveled around a lot. He died on 23 March 1885 and was buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery off of Airport Blv. in Mobile County, Alabama near the Mississippi stateline on the way to Hurley, Mississippi. He did leave a Will in Jackson County, Mississippi. It did not name any Monteith's. The daughter of Nathaniel that told this was LouElla Monteith.

Another discrepancy is over the middle name of Nathaniel. I've seen it as Mortimer and as Monroe ? It appears that Catherine did try to name him after or as close as possilbe to her second husbands name of Morton W.N. Monteith. We do not know what the W. or the N. stands for in his name.

Nathaniel M. Monteith married Sarah Leona Crawford in Jackson County, Mississippi on 27 February 1879. She was the daughter of William Crawford and Mary Ann Morgan of Mobile County, Alabama. Sarah was born in Mobile County near Citronelle, Alabama on 27 July 1864. I've included more on the CRAWFORD family at the end of this story.

U.S. Federal Census records for 1880,1900,1910, and 1920 show Nathaniel and show Sarah Monteith. They lived in the Hurley , Mississippi area according to the census. The Jackson County, Mississippi Land Track Book shows that Nathaniel and Sarah owned a home and land located at the SE¼ of the NE¼ and the E½ of the SE¼ and the SW ¼ of the SE¼ of Section 29 in Township 4 South in Range 5 West 160 Acres.

The date of the land entry into the Track Book was the 07 of March 1887.

On the 18th day of February 1893 Nathaniel M. Monteith made an application for a Homestead on his property located at above given discription. He list the following information on the application. He lived at Americus, Mississippi in Jackson County. He's 38 years old, born in Mississippi, and has a wife and children. His witnesses included Thomas A. Roberts, John W. Jones, Bryant B. Baria all of Americus, Mississippi. The application was given # 17333.

On the 9th day of February 1912 a T.G. Hibbler filed a suit against Nathaniel M. Monteith in Jackson County, Mississippi court over land located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 29 in Township 4 South in Range 5 West. Hibbler was seeking a lien on the property. This is land that had belong to Nathaniel's mother Catherine Monteith.Given Case#3036.

Nathaniel M. and Sarah Monteith had (6) SIX children. These six children are found on the census records as well as the following document. The 1890 Jackson County, Mississippi Educable Children's Roll list (5) five of the Monteith's six children. The following is a brief break down of their (6) six children:

a. Susanna Monteith- was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 28 November 1879. She married John W. Jones in Jackson County on 20 January 1898.Susanna Monteith Jones died on 25 February 1950.

b. Mary Eugenia Monteith-was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on November 1882. She married Guss Tanner in Jackson County, Mississippi on 16 November 1902. Mary Eugenia Monteith Tanner died on 09 January 1937.

c. John Knox Monteith- was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 07 September 1883. He married Margaret Jane Lyons in Jackson County, Mississippi on 21 February 1904. John Knox Monteith/Montee died in Mobile County, Alabama on 13 September 1946. He was buried at Union Church Cemetery in Mobile County.My great grandfather.More at end of story.

d. Alice Drucilla Monteith-was born in Jackson County,Mississippi on 15 December 1884. She married Willie Walter Tanner in Jackson County, Mississippi on 09 July 1905. Alice Drucilla Monteith Tanner died on .

e. LouEllа Monteith- was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 18 April 1889. She married Rhutt Danley in Jackson County, Mississippi on 11 May 1909. LouEllа Monteith Danley died on 06 September 1975. She was buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery in Mobile County, Alabama.

f. William Marvin Monteith-was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 09 December 1891. He would marry twice. His first wife was Mabel Parker Miller. They married in George County, Mississippi on 25 December 1914. He married as his second wife Mrs. Katie Belle Harrison.

In March of 1910 Nathaniel M. Monteith filed for divorce from his wife of 30 years Sarah Crawford Monteith. The papers were filed in the Chancery Court of Jackson County, Mississippi. He claimed that Sarah Monteith had deserted him in September of 1906. He gave a deposition in March of 1910 concerning the events of the divorce case. He stated

that when his youngest daughter LouElla was 20 years old she had a young man call upon her. Nathaniel stated that Sarah let the young man stay at the house until unseemly late hours. When he said something to Mrs. Monteith about it she became very angry and since that time conducted herself in that manner. On the 24th of March 1910 the divorce that was given case # 1955 was granted to Nathaniel M. Monteith by the judge. Sarah did not appear to fight the divorce.

On the 9th day of April 1910 Nathaniel M. Monteith married as his second wife Etta Coleman in Jackson County, Mississippi. This was just days after his divorce was granted. Etta was the daughter of Sidney Coleman. That made her a cousin to Nathaniel Monteith. He was 56 years old and she was about 21 years old.

Nathaniel and Etta Monteith would have one child a son:

g. Walter Danny Monteith-was born in Hurley, Mississippi on 31 January 1911. He married Lillie Hawkins. Walter Monteith died at the Ojai Valley Hospital in Ventura County, California. He was buried in the Ivy Lawn Memorial Cemetery. His date of death was 10 April 1968.

According to Nathaniel M.Monteith's death certificate he died in Jackson County, Mississippi on 05 January 1922 from Pneuralgia of the heart. He was buried in the Coleman Cemetery at Hurley, Mississippi.

Upon the death of Nathaniel Monteith, Etta Coleman Monteith married as her second husband Andrew Haskell Perkins. Etta had moved with Walter out to Los Angeles County, California. Etta and her second husband had three children of their own: Leroy Haskell Perkins, Whither, California; Ester Marie Perkins who lived in Sacramento, California, and Bert O'Brien Perkins who lived in Irving, Texas. Etta died in December 1952 and Andrew died in March 1956. They are buried in Rosehill Memorial Park Cemetery in Los Angeles County, California.

After her divorce, Sarah Crawford Monteith lived out her years in Hurley, Mississippi. She died on 19 April 1939 and was buried in the Coleman Cemetery at Hurley, Mississippi. I have two pictures of Sarah Monteith. She was called "Little grandma". I have one picture of Nathaniel M. Monteith.

VI. DATA ON THE FAMILY OF SARAH LEONA CRAWFORD MONTEITH;"THE CRAWFORDS"-

As stated above the first wife of Nathaniel M. Monteith was Sarah Leona Crawford. She was the daughter of William Crawford and Mary Ann Morgan.

William Crawford was born around the year 1816. He married Mary Ann Morgan in Mobile County, Alabama on 31 August 1844. Mary Ann Morgan was born in 1825. We do not know the names of their parents. We do not known where or when either one was born. They appear on the census for 1850 and 1860 Mobile County , Alabama(page 472 in 1850 and page 158 in 1860).The family has not been located on the 1870 Census.

William Crawford according to the Federal Bureau of Land Management bought the following land in north Mobile County, Alabama on the 01st of September 1845. The NE part of the SE part of Section 15 in Township 2 North in Range 3 West. This land was just northwest of the present day town of Citronelle, Alabama near the Washington County, Alabama line.

On the 15th of August 1863 William Crawford enlisted into Company D of the 1st Regiment Battalion Mobile City Guard as a private. At that time William Crawford stated that he was a farmer and that he was 52 years old. His record also states that he served in Captain

Toomers Home Guard Defense Company. The job of the home guard was to provide local defense and to round up those who were hiding out to avoid service in the Confederate Army. The home guard was made up of men and boys that were to old or to young for regular military service. Later its appears that Willian Crawford was reassigned to Company G of the Alabama 4th Regiment Reserves. William's military record states that he was in the Alabama Chunchuia Guard. Chunchuia is a small community near Citronelle, Alabama where the William Crawford family lived.

After the Civil War ended William Crawford disappears from all records. His wife Mary Ann Morgan Crawford shows up next on the 1880 Census for Jackson County, Mississippi page 586. It shows:

> Crawford, Mary age 55 born in Alabama with both her father and mother born in Alabama.

Mary Ann is also listed as a widow. Which means that William was dead by 1880. It is not known if William moved to Mississippi before he died or if Mary Ann and the children left Mobile County, Alabama after he died. There was several Morgan families in Jackson County, Mississippi that seemed to have come from Mobile County. May be Mary Ann moved to Jackson County, Mississippi to be near family ?

On the 21st of January and the 16th of March 1887 Mary Ann Crawford filed for a Homestead with the land office at Jackson, Mississippi. The application was given file # 10,235. Her witnesses included: John Carter, Luke Mizell, William Hamilton, and M.L. Hamilton all of Americus, Mississippi. The land was described as the East ½ of the North East ¼ and the East ½ of the South East ¼ of Section 32 in Township 4 South in Range 5 West containing 159 Acres of land. In her testimony Mary Ann Crawford stated the following facts: She lived in Jackson County, Mississippi about 10 miles from the land claim before settling on it; She was a native born U.S. citizen; She was 55 years old and a farmer; She first moved on to said land in September 1887; She just had one child,a son, still at home; her home was built by her son; the home was built of logs covered with boards and was 16 X 20 ft. in size; she had a stable; a barn; 2 plowes; one hoe; one ax ; 2 sheep; 9 hogs; a table and chairs; beds; and she states that she raises rice, corn, and potatoes.

The Federal Buearu of Land Management records show that Mary Crawford bought the above described land in Jackson County, Mississippi. The issue date was 12 January 1889. It was given document #3857.

The last record for Mary Ann Morgan Crawford is the 1910 Census for Jackson County, Mississippi. It shows an 85 year old Mary Ann living with her daughter Susan Crawford Mizell and Susan's husband Luke Mizell in the Hurley community of Jackson County, Mississippi. Mary Ann died before 1920. She was buried in the Coleman Cemetery at Hurley. Her grave is marked with a headstone that gives her name as "Grandma Crawford" with no dates. We do not know when or where William Crawford died or was buried.

William and Mary Ann Morgan Crawford had (8) eight known children. There might be more, but these are the only ones we have located to date. Their names come off the census records. The 1860 census for Mobile County only gave the first initial of their first name. So we do not have the full name for at least (2) two of the children.

The (8) eight known children of William and Mary Ann Crawford:

1.Harriet Crawford- was born in Mobile County, Alabama around the year 1845. The 1850 and 1860 Census are the only known records for Harriet Crawford to date.

2.Susan Crawford- was born in Mobile County,Alabama on 16 May 1848. She married Luke Mizell in Jackson County, Mississippi. Susan took in her elderly mother Mary Ann and took care of her. Susan's husband Luke Mizell fought during the Civil War for the cause. Susan Crawford Mizell died on 23 February 1925 and was buried in the Magnolia Springs Cemetery at Hurley, Mississippi.

3.Elisha Crawford-was born in Mobile County, Alabama on 19 August 1849. He married Anonia Hamilton in Jackson County, Mississippi on 23 December 1886. Elisha Crawford died on 01 November 1933 and was buried in the Coleman Cemetery at Hurley, Mississippi.

4. ? Crawford- was a male child born in Mobile County, Alabama around @1851. We can not make out his name on the 1860 Census for Mobile County. No other known records have been found to date.

5.William David Crawford-was born in Mobile County, Alabama on 17 August 1853. He married Almedia Hamilton in Jackson County, Mississippi on 07 November 1880. William David Crawford died on 11 January 1917 and was buried in the Coleman Cemetery.

6.E. ? Crawford-was a female child born in Mobile County, Alabama around @1859. We only have the child's first initial of her first name. No other known records have been found to date.

7.Sarah Leona Crawford-was born in Mobile County, Alabama on 27 July 1864. She married Nathaniel M. Monteith in Jackson County, Mississippi on 18 February 1879. Sarah Monteith died on 19 April 1939 and was buried in the Coleman Cemetery at Hurley, Mississippi.

8.John Wesley Crawford-was born in Mobile County, Alabama on 09 March 1865. He married Florence Smith in Jackson County, Mississippi on 18 December 1892. John Wesley Crawford died on 25 February 1934 and was buried in the Coleman Cemtery at Hurley, Mississippi.

It appears that all of the above named children were born in north Mobile County near the present day town of Citronelle, Alabama. Death certificates for a few of the above named children names the town of Citronelle. In researching this family one may want to focus on that area. One would also want to see if there is a connection between Mary Ann Morgan Crawford and the Morgans that lived in the Hurley and Americus Area of north Jackson County, Mississippi during the 1870's - 1910.

One clue maybe a man named Ramson Morgan. He married Fanny Phillips in Mobile County on 07 March 1841. They seem to be in the Citronelle area about the same time as William and Mary Ann. Later what appears to be a younger Ramson Morgan appears in the Hurley area of Jackson County, Mississippi. This could be a clue into Mary Ann's family ? When William Crawford and Mary Ann Morgan married in Mobile County, Alabama in 1844 a Nathaniel Howard helped with their marriage bond. This Nathaniel Howard may be a relative ? I've not conducted alot of research on the Crawfords or the Morgans. The Mobile County , Alabama court house records need to be researched.

VII. THE FAMILY OF JOHN KNOX MONTEITH/MONTEE; SON OF NATHANIEL M. MONTEITH-

John Knox Monteith was born in the Hurley area of Jackson County, Mississippi on 03 September 1883. He was the son of Nathaniel M. Monteith and Sarah Crawford Monteith. He is listed on the 1890 School Census for Educable children of north Jackson County, Mississippi. John Knox was one of six children born to the aboved named couple.

John Knox Monteith married Margaret Jane Lyons in Jackson County, Mississippi on 21 February 1904. She was the daughter of John Henry Lyons and Elizabeth Jane Lyons. Margaret Jane was born in the Union Church community of Mobile County, Alabama near the town of Grand Bay on 25 June 1887. The young couple would make their first home in the Harleston area of Jackson County, Mississippi. The Jackson County, Mississippi Track Book shows that John Knox owned the following land: the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ and the SE¼ of the SE¼ in Section 7 of Township 4 South in Range 5 West. It contained 82.39 Acres. It was recorded in the Track Book on the 09th of August 1904. On the 30th of November 1910 John Knox made application for a Homestead on this property. The Federal Bureau of Land Management records show that it was given Pat. #195185 & recorded on the 03rd of May 1911. In his application John Knox claimed the following: He at the time had a wife and three children, he had established residence on the land in November 1904, He built his house in October and November of 1904, He had never been absent from the property for a long or short period of time, He was born in the state of Mississippi, and on about 10 acres he had planted corn, peas, potatoes, and melons.He also stated that the property had a barn, stable, and other buildings valued at $500.00 dollars. His witnesses included William E. Jones, Van R. Roberts, Earl P. Hamilton, and D.A. Galloway all of the Hurley and Harleston , Mississippi area.

John Knox and Margaret Jane Monteith are found on the 1910 and 1920 Jackson County, Mississippi Census on the 1930 Mobile County, Alabama census. The names of the 11 children can be found in two (2) different places. First on the census records and in the John Henry and Elizabeth Jane Johnson Lyons family Bible record. Their children were :

1. Eva Edith Monteith/Montee- was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 13 March 1906. She would marry twice. Her first husband was Louis B. Foster. They married on 02 July 1922. After they divorced Eva married as her second husband Benita Anub on 05 June 1936. Benita was called "Benny". He was from the Philippines . After they married they moved to the Philippines . After they arrived World War II started when Pearl Harbor was attacked and the Japanese invaded the Philippines which were a U.S. colony. Aunt Eva was taken captive and held in a Women's Concentration Camp until the end of W.W.II. Her brother-in-law Clyde Sartwell was in the Arm Services and help to liberate the islands. When Eva returned she lived in New Orleans, Louisiana. For a short period of time she lived in Mobile, Alabama. But she returned to New Orleans. Aunt Eva died in New Orleans on 23 December 1982 and was buried there.

2. Floyd E.Monteith/Montee- was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 29 April 1907. He married LaVada Cowart on 22 December 1927. LaVada was called "Aunt Duke". They lived in Mobile County, Alabama. Uncle Floyd was called "Pee Wee" . He died on 07 March 1960 and was buried in Union Church Cemetery near Grand Bay, Alabama.

3. Otis Talton Monteith/Montee-was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 28 November 1908. He married Audrey Summerlin on 22 June 1929. He was called "O.T.".They lived in south Mobile County near

Bellingarth Road. There is a road just before Bellingrath called Montee Road. Several members of O.T.'s family live down that road. O.T. died on 03 December 1974 and was buried in the Magnolia Springs Baptist Church Cemetery at Theodore, Alabama.

4.Jessie Dell Monteith/Montee-was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 31 October 1911. She married Alexander Jackson on 22 December 1928. They had one son Monroe Jackson. Alex and Jess Dell lived at Fairview and later in the Tanner-Williams Community of Mobile County, Alabama. Aunt Jess Dell moved up north to the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania area in her later years to live with her younger sister Dorothy. Jess Dell died on 06 March 1993 and was buried in the Joyner Cemetery at Tanner-Williams, Mobile County, Alabama.

5.Irey Vester Monteith/Montee-was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 13 March 1913. He was called "Uncle Dick". He married Alice Danley on 25 September 1932. She was called "Aunt Doll". They lived in the Seven Hills Community of west Mobile County, Alabama. Uncle Dick died on 25 March 1980 and was buried in the Union Church Cemetery.

6.Gertrude Leval Monteith/Montee- was born in Jackson County, Mississippi on 03 February 1915. Gertrude married in Jackson County, Mississippi on 09 October 1935. The marriage record is confusing in that it gives the groom's name as Mariano Diana and as Diana Mariano. The marriage record states that he was in the U.S. Coast Guard ? We know that Gertrude left Mississippi and moved to the Fort Dicks, New Jersey area. In the 1940's it is believed that she divorced her husband. Her last known address was in Long Branch, New Jersey on the Atlantic Ocean. She was working at that time in a large store. She was dating Terrell Smith about that time. He was a distant cousin who was in the military. After the war he left her and returned to Mississippi. She did go by the last name of Smith for a period of time. When my mother Marita Rester Middleton was a young girl, her parents ran a cafe in Semmes, Alabama on U.S. Highway 98. One day a taxie cab stop by the Cafe. The driver came into the dinner and ask my grandmother Chestina "Kate" Monteith/Montee Rester if she knew where a Alex Jackson lived. My grandma Kate ask the driver who his fare was. He did not know. My grandma said that Alex Jackson was her brother-in-law. Grandma Kate went out to the cab and saw that the lady in the back seat was Gertrude. Kate got her sister Gertrude out of the cab and said that she would take her to Jess Dell and Alex's. This was in the late 1940's. After her visit , Gertrude returned to New Jersey and was never heard from again. My mother Marita remembers that Gertrude was dressed up and had a fur stole. About the year 1994 a relative got a phone call from a lawyer looking for some of Gertrude's family. He said that Gertrude had died. The relative told the lawyer that all of Gertrude's family in the area was dead. The lawyer hung up without giving any details. To this day we do not know anything of the life of Gertrude after the late 1940's. I've looked for her to no avail.

7.Chestina Margaret Monteith/Montee- was born in the Harleston area of Jackson County, Mississippi on 11 February 1918. She was a twin to Christina Monteith/Montee. Chestina was called "Kate" after the mid-wife that delivered them. Kate's middle name should be Margaret after her mother Margaret Jane Monteith. But the birth certificate states it as Maggie which was her mothers nick name in the nineteen teens. Kate married Richard Rester in George County, Mississippi on 17 June 1933. Richard was the son of Harris and Florence Jackson Rester of Mobile County, Alabama. The young couple lived first in the Tanner-Williams

community of Mobile County, Alabama before moving over to the Semmes Community. Their oldest daughter Lycyle Rester was born while they lived in Tanner-Williams on 16 May 1935.Their youngest daughter Marita Rester was born in Mobile while the family lived in Semmes on 15 August 1936. Richard worked on the flower nurseries in Semmes. During World War II Richard worked at the Shipyard. He and Kate left their two daughters with family members and moved for a short period of time to Richmond, Virginia. They returned to Alabama and bought a dinner cafe on U.S. Highway 98 in Semmes, Alabama. They sold the cafe by the late 1940's. About 1953 Richard and Kate moved in with the Fincher family on the south end of Big Creek Lake in Tanner-Williams where they built a house. Richard worked at the Shipyard in Pascagoula and Kate work for a while at Gardbergs in Moblie sewing drapes. Kate also made wedding and birthday cakes for many people in Mobile County. Kate died at her home on 24 April 1982 and was buried in the Joyner Cemetery at Tanner-Williams, Alabama. Kate is my grandmother.

8.Christina Leona Monteith/Montee- was born in the Harleston community of Jackson County, Mississippi on 11 February 1918. She was the twin sister of Chestina "Kate" Monteith/Montee Rester. Aunt Chris married Clyde Sartwell of Ponchatoula, Louisiana. They lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana near the Amite River. They married on 25 October 1937. Clyde fought in World War II. They had one daughter Kim. Aunt Chris died in Baton Rouge on 25 September 1995 and was buried in RestHaven Cemetery.

9.Dorothy Lillian Monteith/Montee- was born in Mobile County, Alabama on 17 September 1920. Dorothy married twice. Her first husband was Safron Monterala. They married on 23 May 1936. Dorothy married second Alfred Baker. Dorothy has lived in the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania area for many many years. She is the only sibling of the 11 listed here that is still alive.

10.John Knox Monteith/Montee Jr.- was born in Mobile County, Alabama on 19 May 1924. He was called "Little Toothie". John Knox Jr. died on 13 September 1928 at the age of 4. He was buried in the Union Church Cemetery.

11.Rex Benford Monteith/Montee- was born in Mobile County, Alabama on 07 april 1926. Uncle Benford married twice. His first wife was Mildred V. Kennedy who he married on 05 January 1944. They had two sons. Benford worked as a fireman in Mobile until he hurt his back. He and his first wife divorced. Benford moved to the New Orleans area and married a second time. He died on 12 September 1982 and was buried in a Franklinton, Louisiana area cemetery.

John Knox Monteith/Montee moved from Jackson County, Mississippi to Mobile County, Alabama in 1920. I got this date by looking at the 1920 Census . On that census they were still in Mississippi. Their daughter Dorothy was born in September 1920 in Mobile County, Alabama.

The big question a lot of relatives have is when did the family of John Knox change their last name and why ? They appear to have done it sometime between the 1920 census when it was still Monteith and 1922 when their oldest daughter Eva married under the new name of Montee. I was told that John Knox drove a school bus and that school officials shorten the name because it was too long ? At that point all of John Knox children did it as well. So this branch of Monteith's become the Montee family. John Knox brother William Marvin Monteith's descendants changed their spelling to Montieth from Monteith. They live in the Grand Bay and south Mobile County, Alabama area.

John Knox and Margaret Jane Monteith/Montee lived in Theodore and later lived in the Seven Hills community of Mobile County. John Knox died on 13 September 1946. He was driving a school bus when either his bus or another drivers bus got stuck in the mud. He was out pushing on the bus when he had a massive heart attack and died. He was buried in the Union Church Cemetery.

After John Knox died, his wife Margaret Jane lived with her children. In the late 1960's she was placed in a nursing home in Pascagoula, Mississippi where she died on 10 August 1973. She was buried in the Union Church Cemetery in Mobile County. I can remember as a small child going to see her. I also remember her wake and funeral.

Most of this Monteith family went to the Bethel Baptist Church on Newman Road in Seven Hills. Back in the 1970's we would hold family reunions at the church in the month of June. They were held in honor of Margaret Jane's birthday. I do have more data on the grandchildren of John Knox and Margaret Jane Monteith/Montee.

VIII. CLOSING INFORMATION:

I have copies of all the records that I have used as references in this story. If there is an item you would like or need than please let me know. I have been gathering data for over 15 years. Of all my family lines, this line is the most interesting and is the most mysterious. Lots of unanswered questions. I do have more data on the children of Nathaniel M. and Sarah Monteith.

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***** If you know of other researchers than please send me their address.
If you find mistakes than please let me know.
Please check all data. I do make mistakes.

Data as of 31 July 2002

Don Middleton

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
JACKSON COUNTY.

To any Judge, Minister, Justice or other Officer Lawfully Authorized to Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony:

You are hereby authorized to celebrate the **RITES OF MATRIMONY** between Tony Ely and Elizabeth Garlie, and you are hereby required to transmit to the undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, or his successor in office, a CERTIFICATE OF THE MARRIAGE of said parties within six months after the celebration of the same, under the penalty in such cases provided.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office this 20th day of June A. D., 1891

W. M. Denny
Clerk Circuit Court.

By virtue of a License from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, I have this day joined in the

HOLY STATE OF MATRIMONY

Tony Ely . Elizabeth Garlie

AND

Given under my Hand and Seal this 27 day of June A. D., 1891

Eldr W. J. Walker

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
JACKSON COUNTY.

To any Judge, Minister, Justice or other Officer Lawfully Authorized to Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony:

You are hereby authorized to celebrate the **RITES OF MATRIMONY** between William Ely and Eliza Dobson, and you are hereby required to transmit to the undersigned, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, or his successor in office, a CERTIFICATE OF THE MARRIAGE of said parties within six months after the celebration of the same, under the penalty in such cases provided.

Given under my hand and Seal of Office this 30th day of July A. D., 1891

W. M. Denny
Clerk Circuit Court.

By virtue of a License from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, I have this day joined in the

HOLY STATE OF MATRIMONY

William Ely

AND

Eliza Dobson

Given under my Hand and Seal this 30 day of June A. D., 1891

Eld. W. F. Walker

marque de **baptiste Ellie** X *(son, Baptiste Ely)*
marque de **Ant'ne Ellie** X *(son, Antoine Ely)*
marque de **Jean Combest** X temoine *(John Cumbest)*

Document 4 *Estate of Charles Ely*

Recie de *mr. Valentin Delmas*, Is somme de deux cent piastres, montant de la donation que **Charle Ellie mon pere**, a fait a **Charlotte, negresse libre**, dont je suis, nomme tuteur **pascagoula le 6 Janvier 1816.**

marque de **Ant'ne Ellie** X
marque de **Jean Cumbeste** X temoin

Document 5 *Estate of Charles Ely*

Vante (?) Public par ordre des herities de la succession de feu **Charle Ellie**. Ce **16 Janr'er 1815**

I'habitation awer les edifice, adjuge a

mr Antoine Ellie Cent piastre - 100 L

Mr. Bte. Ellies, Dayno Negresse,

troix cent piastres 200

Mr. Antoine Elli la Goillete,

quartre cent piastres 400

(List) Rene Krebs, Rene Krebs, Mr. Bradford, Madam Dupont, Antoine Ellie, Madame Dup't, Rene Krebs, Rene Krebs, Madam Dup't, Madam Dup't, Bte. Elie, Madam Dup't, Bap'te Elie, Bap'te Elie, Rene Krebs, Rene Krebs, Bap'te Elli, Rene Krebs, Delmas.

Document 6 **Estate of Charles Ely**

Mr. Valentine Delmas, Executor of the **Estate of Charles Ellis dec'd.** To the Officer os the Orphans Court of Jackson County. -

Judge of Probate	$.50
Register of Court	.50
Sheriff	.50
	$1.50

Document 7 **Estate of Charles Ely** *(Document torn)*

Come into service the __ day **January 1835**
To **Jos. Krebs**
Hire ... to **Sylves** ...
The 22nd February 18 ...
Paid 23 March ...
Greenwood cords 101 ½
117.70

Document 8 **Estate of Charles Ely**

Dt **La Succession Elie** - Savoir

a' Mr. Baptiste Tregner	10-2
a' Batiste Ellie	18
a' Bte. Tregnir	24-4

Lot 102 Owners, J. N. **Morris**, F. N. **Morris**
& W. O'Neil

Morris, Johnnie Lee, Mar 26, 1875 - Feb10, 1877
Son of John & Fannie Morris

Morris, Fannie *Wright*, Jan 8, 1845 - Jul 9, 1888

Morris, John Wesley, May 31, 1839 - Apr 15, 1896

O'Neil, Anna Miles Morris, Feb10, 1869-Sep 23,1905
Wife of George W. O'Neil

Coffee, Dora Cudabac, d May 29, 1896, *age 27*
Wife of Wm. C. Cudabac

Morris, Linwood, Sep 3, 1901- Apr 16, 1906